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## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL STUDY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

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THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM BROOKS.

### **THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Russ Brooks  
Carolynn Burt  
Joel Coleman  
Corey Rushton  
Steve Vincent  
Mike Winder

Paul Isaac, Acting City Manager  
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

### **ABSENT:**

Dennis J. Nordfelt

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director  
John Evans, Fire Chief  
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director  
Layne Morris, Community Preservation Director  
Buzz Nielsen, Police Chief  
Ryan Robinson, Acting City Attorney  
John Janson, Acting CED Director  
Don Groo, Acting Finance Director  
Steve Pastorik, CED Department  
Shane Smith, CED Department  
Frank Lilly, CED Department  
Colleen Nolen, Police Department  
Aaron Crim, Administration  
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**  
The Council read and considered the Minutes of the Study Meeting held September 2, 2008. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

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After discussion, Councilmember Burt moved to approve the Minutes of the Study Meeting held September 2, 2008, as written. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Mr. Coleman	Yes
Ms. Burt	Yes
Mr. Winder	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Brooks	Yes

Unanimous.

2. **REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated no new items had been added to the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 16, 2008. Upon inquiry there were no questions regarding items scheduled on that Agenda.

3. **AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2008:**

A. **PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WEST VALLEY CITY SEA WOLVES SWIM TEAM FOR TRAVELING TO MISSOULA, MONTANA, FOR PARTICIPATION IN A SWIM MEET WHERE THE TEAM FINISHED IN FIFTH PLACE**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated Councilmember Burt would read a proclamation honoring the West Valley City Sea Wolves swim team for traveling to Missoula, Montana, for participation in a swim meet where the team finished in fifth place, at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 23, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-245, APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DLS CONSULTING, INC., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DURING THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 08-245 which would approve an Agreement with DLS Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$80,000.00, to provide professional services during the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

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Mr. Isaac stated DLS would provide professional services in interacting with other governmental agencies, including lobbying the Utah Legislature on issues important to the City, which issues would be identified by the City Manager and DLS.

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, further discussed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 08-245 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 23, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-246, APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT (NO. C35609) WITH WHEELER MACHINERY FOR A CATERPILLAR 43E BACKHOE/LOADER FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 08-246 which would approve a Lease Agreement (No. C35609) with Wheeler Machinery, in the amount of \$7,500.00 annually, for a three year lease of a Caterpillar 43E backhoe/loader for use by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Isaac stated the City had previously leased heavy equipment from Wheeler Machinery, and with good results. He further stated the program allowed the City crews to always have equipment less than three years old, which greatly reduced maintenance costs. He indicated the City would be responsible to maintain, insure, and repair any damages to the equipment while in the City's possession. He reported the cost of the lease would also be very economical. He stated essentially the City paid for depreciation of the equipment over the term of the lease.

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 08-246 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 23, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 08-247, APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT (NO. C35608) WITH WHEELER MACHINERY FOR A CATERPILLAR 43E BACKHOE/LOADER FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 08-247 which would approve a Lease Agreement (No. C35608) with Wheeler Machinery, in the amount of \$7,500.00 annually, for a three year lease for a caterpillar 43E backhoe/loader for use by the Public Works Department.

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Mr. Isaac reported the subject backhoe would replace a 1996 John Deere backhoe. He stated the program allowed City crews to always have equipment less than three years old, which greatly reduced maintenance costs. He indicated the City would be responsible to maintain, insure, and repair any damages to the leased equipment while in the City's possession. He reported the cost of the lease was also very economical. He also reported essentially the City paid for depreciation of the equipment over the term of the lease.

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 08-247 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled September 23, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.

### **7. COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **A. PROPOSED DOMESTIC FOWL ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated requests had been received from residents to enact an ordinance allowing chickens to be raised to produce eggs for economic reasons. Mr. Isaac requested direction from the City Council regarding these requests.

Shane Smith, CED Department, distributed copies of a preliminary draft of an ordinance and, using PowerPoint, reviewed information summarized as follows:

- Background
- Purpose
- Proposed permitting process
- Comparison of ordinances of other cities
- Feedback from Salt Lake Valley Health Department
- Further specifications – animals, sanitation, structures, enforcement, and other
- Alternatives

During the above discussion of information, Mr. Smith answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council discussed the above information, made inquiries, and expressed concerns as follows: chickens transmitting diseases to other animals or humans; complaints from citizens regarding unkempt yards and too many dogs or cats; not convinced this was the right direction to go at this time; inquiry regarding number

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of permits that would be allowed if the proposed ordinance was enacted; there is logic in current policy that chickens only be allowed on lots in agricultural zone; not many requests from citizens to allow chickens.

After further discussion, the City Council expressed a consensus and indicated the City Manager should not move forward with the proposal.

### **B. GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION – HOUSING, EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS, URBAN DESIGN, COMMUNITY SERVICES, PARKS AND RECREATION**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated a continuation of the discussion regarding the General Plan had been scheduled to discuss, in particular, housing, existing neighborhoods, urban design, community services, and parks and recreation.

Upon direction of the Acting City Manager, the staff respectively discussed the subject of each updated chapter in the General Plan, including recommendations and goals, as follows:

Steve Pastorik, CED Department – Housing

Shane Smith, CED Department – Existing Neighborhoods

Steve Pastorik, CED Department – Urban Design

John Janson, CED Department – Community Facilities & Services

Steve Pastorik, CED Department - Parks, Recreation & Culture

Upon completion of the above presentation of information and discussion, Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, requested input from the City Council. During the discussion, staff took notes regarding the Council's comments and suggestions.

### **C. COUNCIL UPDATE**

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated the Council had previously received a Memorandum outlining upcoming meetings and events as follows: September 11 thru November 12, 2008: Warp Meets Weft Textile Exhibit, UCCC; September 18, 2008: Cultural Arts Board (CAB) Dinner, UCCC, 5:00 P.M.; September 20, 2008: West Valley Walking Tour 2008 at Decker Lake Trail, 8:00 A.M.; September 20, 2008: Chilean Independence Day, UCCC; September 23, 2008: Council Study Meeting 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; September 24, 2008: Open House – Acord Way & Sunnyvale Drive Sidewalk

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Project, Farnsworth Elementary, 3751 South 4225 West, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.; September 27, 2008: Worldwide Day of Play, Fitness Center; October 7, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; October 8, 2008: International Walk to School Day hosted by Valley Crest Elementary, 7:45 A.M. to 8:45 A.M. – Parent/Child Walk to School & Safety Fair at 10:00 A.M.; October 11, 2008: West Valley Walking Tour 2008 – Hunter Village and Sugar Plum Trails, 8:00 A.M.; October 14, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; October 15, 2008: Lake Park Golf Social, Stonebridge Golf Course, 8:00 A.M.; October 17-18, 2008: Tahitian Fete, UCCC; October 20-31, 2008: Early Voting at City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 12 Noon – 7:00 P.M. (October 31, 2008 – 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.); October 21, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M. at Fire Station #73, 2834 South 2700 West, Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; October 28, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M. at UCCC, Regular Council Meeting 6:30 P.M.; November 1, 2008: Utah Folk Arts Celebration and Day of the Dead Fiesta, UCCC; November 4, 2008: General Election, Polls Open 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.; November 4, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M. at UCCC, Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; November 11, 2008: Veteran's Day Holiday – City Hall closed; November 18, 2008: November 18, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; November 22, 2008: Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk at Centennial Park; November 22, 2008: Winter Ethnic Arts Market, UCCC; November 25, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; November 27, 2008: Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall closed; December 1 thru January 6, 2009: Trees of Diversity Exhibit, UCCC; December 1, 2008: Walk with Santa at Centennial Park, 6:00 P.M.; December 2, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; December 8, 2008: Winter Concert, UCCC; December 9, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; December 16, 2008: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; and December 24 & 25, 2008: Christmas Holiday – City Hall closed.

### **8. COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **A. COUNCILMEMBER CAROLYNN BURT – HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

Councilmember Burt reported regarding a recent meeting of the Historical Society at which the board voted unanimously to act as the Historic Commission. Councilmember Burt stated the board had requested she advise regarding a home built in 1910 located on 4100 South 2879 West, currently in foreclosure, and that it would make a great facility for a future museum.

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Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated he would forward the information on to the City Manager.

Councilmember Burt and Councilmember Winder suggested the Housing Authority purchase the home and rent it out for a period of time until it could be utilized as a museum.

Councilmember Brooks expressed the need to review and inventory all buildings and/or markers in the City that might qualify as historical sites.

**B. COUNCILMEMBER JOEL COLEMAN – EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Councilmember Coleman reported regarding an Education Advisory Committee meeting at which testing and scoring had been reviewed. He stated the committee continued to look for areas the City could focus on in the future regarding targeting certain schools or issues, and they were starting with data.

**C. COUNCILMEMBER COREY RUSHTON – FLAG RAISING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT GRANGER HIGH SCHOOL AND FEDERAL HOUSING ACT**

Councilmember Rushton reported the City had been well represented by police and fire personnel at a flag raising ceremony held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Granger High School.

Councilmember Rushton discussed foreclosures, the Federal Housing Act, provisions for first time homebuyers, and other programs. He inquired if it would be possible to provide links on the City's website for that information.

**D. COUNCILMEMBER RUSS BROOKS – ULCT CONFERENCE AND ENERGY ISSUES**

Councilmember Brooks discussed a recent Utah League of Cities & Towns (ULCT) conference and reported on the workshop he attended on solar and wind energy. He inquired if there were provisions in the City's ordinances to allow property owners to install solar panels on their homes or businesses.

John Janson, Acting CED Director, discussed current provisions and stated this issue should be reviewed again.

Councilmember Brooks suggested consideration be given to installing windmills on certain new City facilities to be built in the future. He also stated the City Manager would obtain written information regarding this matter. Councilmember

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Brooks also discussed the need to provide incentives to developers to “build green.”

John Janson, Acting CED Director, stated in the sustainability chapter of the General Plan, to be discussed at a future Study Meeting, there were provisions regarding this issue.

Councilmember Vincent stated Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon and Utah Governor John Huntsman, Jr. would host a forum regarding this issue next week.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE STUDY MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M., BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

I hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

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Sheri McKendrick, MMC  
City Recorder

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